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1. Congo

The government now has started its cleanup operation against the rebel-held area around Fizi in the eastern Congo. The main force moving north from Albertville along Lake Tanganyika has reached isolated advance government outposts 60-70 miles away. These forces have been slowed by mechanical and logistical problems, and have suffered a few casualties.

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2. Bolivia

The Bolivian situation has calmed considerably since last week's confrontation between security forces and tin miners at the Catavi - Siglo Veinte mining complex. Government officials have been conducting talks with mine union leaders with a view toward alleviating their discontent. A number of agitators have been removed from Catavi - Siglo Veinte, thus reducing the possibility of renewed violence there, but heavily reinforced army units are standing by to deal with any eventuality.

Student demonstrations in La Paz protesting the military junta's actions against the miners failed to generate enough violence to provoke a political crisis. The only significant demonstration was on 27 September, when five persons were injured by gun fire following a march on the presidential palace by some 1,000 students led by Communists and extreme leftists.

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5. Venezuela

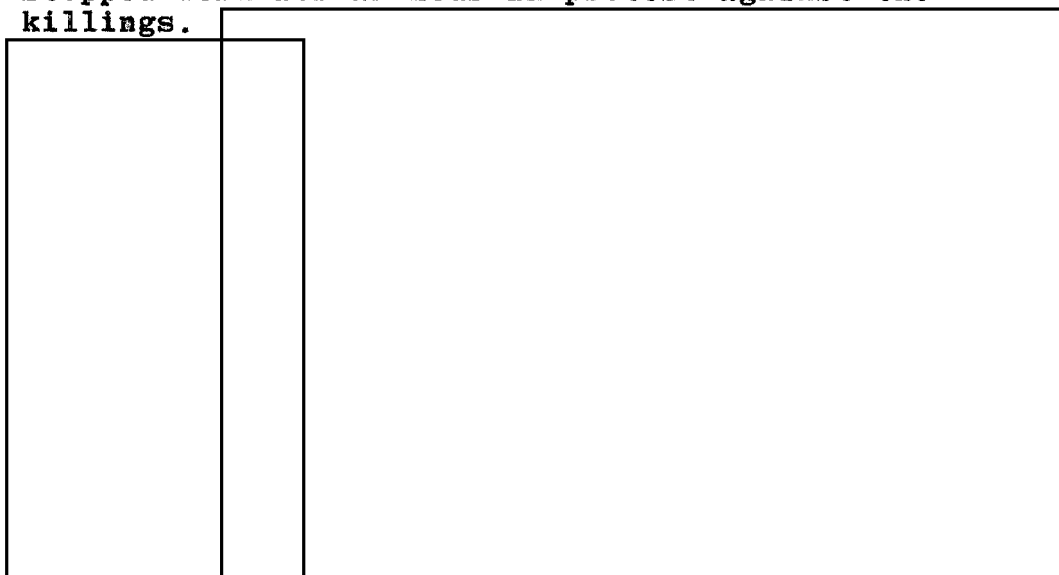
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Although the FALN is hard pressed by the need for a successful terrorist effort to revive sagging morale, its reportedly acute shortage of funds and the recent arrests of several FALN functionaries have doubtless reduced its capabilities to engage in concerted action on a sustained basis.

Six policemen have been killed by terrorists in Caracas since 14 September. A resultant lowering of police morale was indicated on 25 September when, according to press reports, police in a district of the city stopped work for an hour in protest against the killings.

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Urban terrorism was also reported in Maracaibo, where two bombs exploded on 20 September. Meanwhile, the press has reported continued guerrilla activity. One policeman was killed and a national guardsman was wounded in a clash with guerrillas in eastern Venezuela on 22 September. On the same day, approximately 30 guerrillas temporarily seized a small town in western Venezuela. Government successes against guerrillas, according to the press, resulted in the capture of 16 guerrillas and the discovery of a cache of arms, ammunition, radio equipment, and other supplies in western Venezuela.

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